

No. 051

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and has the honor, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, to express its appreciation for the support of the Republic of Bulgaria for the efforts of the international community to uphold United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 and other Resolutions of which the Government of Iraq is in further material breach.

Bearing in mind the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria on February 6, 2003, and of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria on February 7, 2003, the Embassy hereby requests assistance and permission for United States personnel to prepare and utilize Burgas International Airport and Camp Sarafovo, and to base there up to eighteen U.S. military aircraft and approximately 300-600 U.S. military personnel, with associated equipment. United States personnel will coordinate with the Government of Bulgaria and the international airport authorities to determine any additional logistical support required.

The Embassy further requests that the Government of Bulgaria authorize the overflight of U.S. military aircraft operating in support of the potential operation, and proposes that U.S. military aircraft overflying the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in this connection be granted the use of call sign KO-5-17/2002.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

For the purpose of this Agreement, the parties will apply the Agreement among the States parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces ("the PFP SOFA").

Consistent with the decision of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria of February 7, 2003, the present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of six (6) months from the date of that decision.

If the proposals set forth herein are acceptable to the Republic of Bulgaria, this note and the Ministry's affirmative reply shall constitute an Agreement between the parties, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's note.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Sofia, February 17, 2003



Translation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Bulgaria

Diplomatic Note No. 54-05-43

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to confirm the receipt of its note no. 051 of 17 February 2003, with the following contents:

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and has the honor, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, to express its appreciation for the support of the Republic of Bulgaria for the efforts of the international community to uphold United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 and other Resolutions of which the Government of Iraq is in further material breach.

Bearing in mind the decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria on February 6, 2003, and of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria on February 7, 2003, the Embassy hereby requests assistance and permission for United States personnel to prepare and utilize Burgas International Airport and Camp Sarafovo, and to base there up to eighteen U.S. military aircraft and approximately 300-600 U.S. military personnel, with associated equipment. United States personnel will coordinate with the Government of Bulgaria and the international airport authorities to determine any additional logistical support required.

The Embassy further requests that the Government of Bulgaria authorize the overflight of U.S. military aircraft operating in support of the potential operation, and proposes that U.S. military aircraft overflying the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in this connection be granted the use of call sign KO-5-17/2002.

For the purpose of this Agreement, the parties will apply the Agreement among the States parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces ("the PFP SOFA").

Consistent with the decision of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria of February 7, 2003, the present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of six (6) months from the date of that decision.

If the proposals set forth herein are acceptable to the Republic of Bulgaria, this note and the Ministry's affirmative reply shall constitute an Agreement between the parties, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's note.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria the assurances of its highest consideration."

In reply, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria, in conformity with the decision of the Council of Ministers of February 6, 2003, and with the decision of the National Assembly of February 7, 2003, grants permission for United States personnel to prepare and utilize Burgas International Airport and Camp Sarafovo, and to base there up to eighteen U.S. military aircraft and approximately 300-600 U.S. military personnel and associated equipment. United States personnel will coordinate with the Government of Bulgaria and the international airport authorities to determine any additional logistical support required.

The Bulgarian side authorizes the overflight of U.S. military aircraft operating in support of the potential operation, and the use of call sign KO-5-17/2002 for American military aircraft overflying the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

For the purpose of this Agreement, the parties will apply the Agreement among the States parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and the other States participating in the

Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces ("the PFP SOFA").

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs accepts in accordance with the decision of the National Assembly of February 7, 2003, that the present Agreement shall remain in force for the period of six months from the date of that decision.

The present Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the USA on the status and other operational conditions for the overflight, temporary presence and transit through and on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of armed forces and personnel of the USA enters into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the USA in Sofia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sofia, 18 February 2003.